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Ms. Marlene Dortch, Secretary Federal Communications Commission 445 12th Street, S.W. Washington, DC 20554

Attention:

Chief, Media Bureau

Re:

Mauna Kea Broadcasting Company Must-Carry Complaint Regarding

Television Station KLEI (DT), Kailua-Kona, Hawaii

Dear Ms. Dortch:

This letter is in support of KLEI-TV's request to require Hawaiian Telcom Services Company, Inc. ("HTSC") to carry KLEI-TV's on HTSC's multi-channel video programming distribution system which has been approved as a cable television franchise by the state of Hawaii.

As a school psychologist working for the Hawai'i State Department of Education and host of the show "Education Matters" (produced by KLEI TV), I am writing to express my conviction that this show is beneficial for the parents, educational professionals, and the general public throughout all of Hawai'i state. The entire state of Hawai'i is one state school system; each island is not a separate educational region. Educational issues that impact one island impact all islands because of this unified, statewide school system. Therefore, there are no "local only" issues covered in this show; all topics introduced are relevant to families throughout the State of Hawai'i.

"Education Matters" covers issues that concern residents statewide. Included in the show are such topics as: speech and language development- what is normal and when to be concerned; charter, private, and public schools- differences, similarities; No Child Left Behind, AYP, and restructuring-what does that mean for students and schools; resources for students as they begin to plan for college; ADHD, Autism, emotional disabilities, etc.- what is normal development and when to be concerned; special education and 504 services- definitions and what it looks like in the school; homeschooling initiatives; etc. This is not an exhaustive list, but a sampling of the types of issues covered that concern all of Hawai'i. As the whole of Hawai'i State is one combined school district, all issues covered in this show hold statewide interest. All issues discussed pertain to families and individuals statewide, and episodes include experts from throughout the state.

I feel strongly that this show benefits viewers statewide. For that reason, I urge you to approve KLEI-TV's request to require HTSC it to carry its programs on HTSC's system.

Sincerely,

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Host of "Education Matters," KLEI-TV